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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR. § 1.111**

Sir:

This Amendment is responsive to the Office Action dated October 22, 2002 (herein referred to as "Office Action"). Applicants respectfully request entry of this Response and Amendment (hereinafter "Response") and reconsideration of the application in view thereof.

This Amendment is believed timely filed. Should this Amendment not be considered timely filed, Applicants hereby request a retroactive extension of time for the number of months required to maintain pendency of the Application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by this paper to Deposit Account No. 50-0258.<sup>1</sup>

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